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SUBJECT: MONITORING OF WARSAW PACT CSCE IMPLEMENTATION:
ROMANIAN TOURISM
REF: BUCHAREST 3249

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED ADDITIONAL STATISTICS ON
AMERICAN VISITORS TO ROMANIA, AS WELL AS ON CURRENT TOURIST
FACILITIES, WHICH SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO REFTTEL REPORT.
FIGURES THEMSELVES CAN BE TREATED AS UNCLASSIFIED.

2. ACCORDING TO AN APRIL 27 BRIEFING GIVEN BY THE FIRST
DEPUTY MINISTER OF TOURISM (VOICU) TO GROUP OF VISITING
AMERICAN TRAVEL AGENTS, THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF AMERICANS
VISITED ROMANIA AS TOURISTS DURING THE INDICATED YEARS:
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1965-7,100; 1970-18,800; 1975-OVER 35,000; 1976-
28,200. OF THE 35,000 1975 FIGURE, 4-5,000 WERE ETHNIC
ROMANIANS, 8,000 CAME WITH CHARTERS, AND BALANCE WITH
ORGANIZED TOURS, AS STUDENTS OR INDIVIDUALS. IN 1971
100-200 AMERICANS CAME FOR GERIATRIC TREATMENT; BY 1976
THAT CATEGORY HAD GROWN TO 1,500.

3. CONCERNING TOURIST FACILITIES, VOICU SAID THAT PRE-EARTHQUAKE THERE WERE 8,000 HOTEL BEDS IN BUCHAREST. THERE ARE NOW 6,000 BEDS AVAILABLE AND 1,200 MORE WILL BE ADDED BY JUNE 1 WHEN UNION AND MODERN HOTELS ARE AGAIN FULLY OPERATIONAL AND THREE NEW HOTELS OPENED.
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